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Purchase of Suez Canal Company Stock by Soviet Agents

Background: It has been reported that Soviet agents have been purchasing shares of the international Suez Canal Company at exchanges in Europe, America and the Near East in order to secure a voting right in 1968 discussions concerning renewal of the Suez Canal Treaty. (Source: Air, 7050th Air INTSERWG (USAFE). IR-5402-55, 10 Jan 56, info 21 Dec 55 (from Der Spiegel, Hamburg, West), D393426, C)

Requirements: Can this information be verified? Specifically, is Suez Canal Company stock being traded on any exchanges, and if so, when, where, in what amounts and who are the principals? (unclassified)

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